

Exhibit 15

## COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION &amp; POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

The information given herein is true;

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;  
**I BELIEVE I AM THE ORIGINAL, FIRST AND SOLE INVENTOR** (if only one name is listed below) OR **AN ORIGINAL, FIRST AND JOINT INVENTOR** (if plural names are listed below) **OF THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION ENTITLED:**

## OPERATIONAL LISTS FOR SIMULTANEOUS WAFER SCHEDULING AND SYSTEM EVENT SCHEDULING

the specification of which (check only one item below):

is attached hereto;

was filed on September 29, 2000 as United States Application Serial No. 09/677,087  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as PCT International Application Serial No.  
 and was amended under PCT Article 19 \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

## FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 (8 if a Design) MONTHS PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION THE PRIORITY OF WHICH WHERE PERMITTED IS HEREBY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. SEC. 119.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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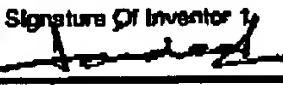
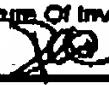
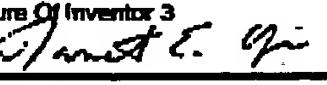
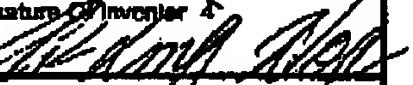
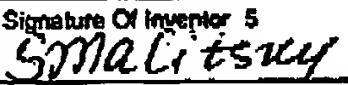
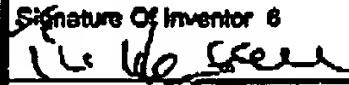
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